Setting up of agro-based industries in Andhra Pradesh

961. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total capital investment proposals received during the last two years for setting up of industries in agro-based sector in Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) the details of the foreign investment proposals approved during the period ; and

(c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) As per the New Industrial Policy most of the agro-based industries are delicensed. For Andhra Pradesh, 169 Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda (IEM) during the period August 1991 to August, 1993 have been filed for manufacture of various agro-based industries like vegetable oils, cotton yarn/textiles and baggase-based paper etc. For the agro-based industries under compulsory licensing, 97 applications are for sugar, 35 for potable alcohol/beer and 2 for vegetable oil manufacture.

(b) Approvals for foreign collaboration/ investment generally do not indicate location of the project to be set up under the collaboration and accordingly details of approvals specific to a location are not centrally maintained.

(c) Approvals for foreign collaboration are accorded in response to the proposals made by entrepreneurs and are generally cleared within 45 days.

Dereservation of items for small scale industries

962. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM :
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to trim or dereserve items reserved for small scale industry ;

(b) if so, what are details thereof ;

(c) the manner in which small and self-employed entrepreneurs are likely to be affected thereby and what steps have been taken and are being taken to set off the adverse impact of this sector ;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government are thinking in terms of allowing Multi-National Corporations to enter into small industry sector also ; and

(e) if so, what are the areas identified ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, an analytical study on those reserved items, which no unit was reported to be manufacturing in the SSI sector based on the findings of the Second All India Census of Registered SSI units, has been undertaken by the Government with a view to consider their continuation in the reserved list. While taking a decision in the matter, the interests of the small entrepreneurs will be kept in view.

(d) and (e) No medium/large scale undertaking including multi-nationals is permitted to manufacture reserved items except under 75% export obligation. However, in the case of garment manufactures, investment upto Rs. 3 crores in plant and